



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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## True Love

*What does love mean? A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4-8 year-olds. Here are some of the answers they got:*

*Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.-- Terri, age 4*

*Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy, and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is ok.  
Danny, age 7*

*Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together, and you talk more. My mommy and daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.-- Emily, age 8*

*Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.  
Tommy, age 6*

*Love is when your puppy licks your face, even after you left him alone all day.  
Mary Ann, age 4*

*Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas, if you stop opening presents and listen.-- Bobby, age 7*

*If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.  
Nikka, age 6*

*Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt and he wears it everyday.  
Noelle, age 7*

*My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. -- Clare, age 6*

*Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.-- Elaine, age 5*

*When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down, and little stars come out of you.-- Karen, age 7*

*You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.  
Jessica, age 8*



Diane Andrews (Linda Soard's cousin)- suffered a stroke, paralyzed from the neck down; she and her husband, Paul, live in Broadlands  
Cliff Cain (Shirley Waldrop's brother)- in nursing home, suffered a stroke  
Family of Jo Farrington- mother-in-law of Naddy's son, Eric  
Praise! Mark & Diana McIlvane (Dave Forsythe's cousin)- both are home again and feeling better  
Tom Kaeb (Deanne Rothermel's cousin)- in Carle ICU with pneumonia, in critical condition; has also been doing cancer treatments, so immune system is low

**Hope from Flowers**  
**4/14/2020**



COVID-19 has brought out wonderful creativity and kindness in people. It has also brought out remarkable worry and anxiety. Jesus used flowers (**Luke 12:27**) to teach His disciples not to worry but trust God to care of them. Flowers are still a sign of hope. We give them to the sick or injured to express hope that they find peace and healing. We give them to dear ones to express a hope of reciprocated love. We send them at a time of a death to express hope that comfort will be found in the midst of grief. We put them in our homes in the hope of adding a bit of splash and color to the sameness of our circumstance.

John Bunyan, in his book **Pilgrim's Progress**, writes about the journey of "Pilgrim." At one point, Pilgrim goes into the home of Interpreter. Interpreter takes him to a room filled with beautiful symbols. Interpreter says, "*Consider the lilies, how they grow...*" He proceeds to tell Pilgrim that the lily begins as a clod that has no visible, external beauty. He reminds Pilgrim that God provides the earth for nutrients, the heavens for dew and rain, the wind to sweep past the flower and all manner of auxiliaries to help the lily grow sturdy, well fed and healthy without a single human hand touching it. Only at the end of God's work is the beauty of the lily unfolded.

The lesson is that God can take a clod of a human, with very little to offer, fill us with His living water. Feed us with His bread of life. Sweep over us with the wind of His Holy Spirit and complete a good work within us. When His work is done, God unfurls us for His glory? Ephesians 2:10 *We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good deeds.*

*Mike*



**April 12, 2020**

<b>OFFERING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5410.00</b>
<b>Spendable</b>	<b>\$3385.00</b>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>2000.00</b>

***There is not a THANK YOU big enough for all of your support. I filled the back of my SUV with donations for Pleasant Meadows. They were surprised and very thankful for everything. WCF thanks each and every one of you. We hope to see you all soon. Stay home and stay safe. Again, thank you!***

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**Elders:**

Elmer Decker	Steve Lacine
John Dilliner	Chad Reno
Bob Dowler	Joe Rothermel

**No services at the church building on April 19.**

**No Shut-in Communion (Assisted living facility is closed)**

**Elder-On-Call for April: ELMER DECKER (832-8589)**

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

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# Puzzle!

Search in all directions to find these words from the first seven chapters of Proverbs.

**WORD LIST:** covenant, delight, discipline, evil, father, fool, forsake, fountain, fruit, heart, honest, humble, insight, listen, Lord, love, neighbor, path, pleasant, poverty, protect, rebuke, sleep, son, teaching, tongue, walk, wisdom, youth

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ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S SON TIMES